

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

March 2011 – Week 5

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TITLE: WOUNDS OF DESTINY

MARCH 1814 AND A HERO CHARGES INTO HISTORY.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

MARCH 1814, PRESENT DAY ALABAMA. AT WAR WITH ENGLAND, THE U.S. SENDS GENERAL ANDREW JACKSON TO QUELL A REVOLT BY BRITISH-ALLIED CREEK INDIANS, KNOWN AS RED STICKS.

WHEN THE INDIANS HOLE UP ON A HORSESHOE BEND OF THE TALLAPOOSA RIVER, JACKSON ORDERS AN ASSAULT. YOUNG PRIVATE SAM HOUSTON CHARGES OVER THE RAMPART, BUT A BARBED ARROW PIERCES HIS LEG. IN AGONY, HE FORCES A SOLDIER AT GUNPOINT TO PULL IT OUT.

BLOODY AND LIMPING, HOUSTON AGAIN RALLIES HIS MEN, ONLY TO BE SHOT TWICE IN THE ARM. SEVERELY WOUNDED, HOUSTON IS LEFT FOR DEAD.

JACKSON NOTES HOUSTON'S BRAVERY AND A LIFELONG FRIENDSHIP BEGINS. EACH BECOMES PRESIDENT, ONE OF THE U.S., ONE OF TEXAS.

SAM HOUSTON, AND TEXAS, SURVIVED 197 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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<http://www.nps.gov/hobe/index.htm>

<http://www.nps.gov/history/nr/twhp/wwwlps/lessons/54horseshoe/54facts3.htm>

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